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Center Spotlight

Arizona Wins Digital Legislature Award

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Arizona has the most digital Legislature in the country, according to the first-ever Digital Legislature Award, sponsored by the Center for Digital Government and *Government Technology* magazine.

The award recognizes the progress made by state legislatures in advancing toward 21st century governance through online access and participation in the legislative process. The criteria focus on how information technology enhances legislative transparency and public understanding of the process.

The [Arizona Legislative Information System](#) (ALIS) allows the public to create individualized bill-tracking systems, among many other features and services. Arizona also boasts a 100 percent usage rate of members with laptops.

The Louisiana Legislature's joint Web page garnered the state a second place award with a broad array of legislative information.

Connecticut, Kentucky and South Dakota tied for third place honors offering similar online services. All three states provide bill-tracking and e-mail notification of activity on specific bills. Connecticut and South Dakota also televise legislative proceedings and committee hearings on both cable TV and real-time Internet webcasts.

"Arizona's legislative website is one of the best in the country," said Center for Digital Government Executive Director Cathilea Robinett. "Citizens and businesses can easily access the information in a user-friendly manner. Arizona represents digital democracy at its finest."

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